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#### Education:

Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering, Dec 2009 University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Cumulative GPA: 3.81/4.0 Magna Cum Laude

#### **Course Work**:

Neuroscience, Neural Engineering, Genetics, Modeling Data and Systems, Bioinstrumentation, Biological Transport Phenomena.

### **Experience**:

## National Institute of Health Intramural Postbaccalaureate Program

2/10 – Present **Postbacccalaureate Research Fellow** 

 Investigating face recognition in macaque monkeys using electrophysiological recordings from isolated single neurons in the visual cortex.

## Research Experience for Undergraduates at Johns Hopkins University

6/09 – 8/09 **Research Assistant** 

 Investigated the function of potential molecular components in active DNA demethylation in human neuroblastoma cells using artificially methylated green fluorescent protein as a reporter. DNA demethylation was quantified using a fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) machine and protein expression was confirmed using western blot.

## **Upward Bound Program at Columbia College**

8/08 – 6/09 *Academic Assistant* 

- Assisted high school students with course work
- Went to public elementary schools to recruit students for the program
- Wrote reviews on students' progress

## Research Experience for Undergraduates at University of Virginia

6/08 – 8/08 **Research Assistant** 

 Searched for the optimal biodegradable polymer to coat bone for novel drug delivery to aid bone allograft incorporation and promote vascularization for long-term viability. Using a microCT, polymers were rated based on thickness of coating, porosity of bone after coating and solubility of drug within polymer.

#### **Gabriel Environmental Services**

12/07 – 6/08 Laboratory Technician

- Tested solid and liquid samples for SVOC, PCB and PNA
- Reported final results
- Preserved solid samples for VOC extraction
- Calibrated pH meters and mass balances

#### **Presentations:**

## National Institute of Mental Health 14th Annual DIRP Scientific Retreat

Sep. 2010: Poster Presentation

Probing Stability of Visual Representations with Chronic Multielectrode Recordings

Olusoji Afuwape, BS, David B.T. McMahon, PhD, Igor V. Bondar, PhD, David A. Leopold, PhD.

## **Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)**

Nov. 2009: Poster Presentation

Functional Investigation of Potential Molecular Components in Active DNA Demethylation.

Olusoji Afuwape, Junjie Guo, Guo-Li Ming MD/PhD.

# Summer Research Experience Collaborative Poster Session at Johns Hopkins University

Aug. 2009: Poster Presentation

Functional Investigation of Potential Molecular Components in Active DNA Demethylation.

Olusoji Afuwape, Junjie Guo, Guo-Li Ming MD/PhD.

## University of Illinois at Chicago College of Engineering Expo

Apr. 2009: Poster Presentation

Development of Stem Cell Delivery System for Traumatic Brain Injury. Olusoji Afuwape, Christopher Nagelli, Peter Ifft.

### Summer Research Experience at University of Virginia

Aug. 2008: Oral Presentation

Development of Bioactive Coatings to Enhance Vascularization and Long-Term Viability of Load-Bearing Bone Allografts.

Olusoji Afuwape, Caren Petrie-Aronin, PhD, Yusuf Khan, MD/PhD, Edward Botchwey, PhD.

**Skills**: Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, MatLab, C++ and Google Sketch. Fluent and Proficient in Yoruba and working knowledge of French.

#### **Honors & Awards**

- Medical Applications Design Runner up for UIC College of Engineering Expo (2009)
- Most Active Member of NSBE UIC Chapter (2009)
- Member of Tau Beta Pi and Golden Key Honor Society (2008, 2009)
- NACME and MLK Scholar (2008, 2009)
- ASM Chicago Chapter Annual Award Winner (2008)
- UIC Men's Intramural Soccer Champions (2008)
- Honor Roll Student (2007, 2008, 2009)
- Member of National Dean's List (2007, 2008, 2009)
- Certified College Reading and Learning Association Tutor (2006)